

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 26, 2003. All pending claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 67-74 have been added, support for which can be found, for example, in Figure 11 of the present application. No new matter has been added. Claims 67-74 remain pending. Consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 21, 23, 44, 45, 47, and 49-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gray, U.S. Patent No. 5,793,126. This rejection is respectfully traversed, and the correctness of the rejection is not conceded.

Claims 20, 21, 23, 44, 45, 47, and 49-51 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 67-74 have been added. Claim 67 is directed to a semiconductor device having a semiconductor integrated circuit. Claim 67 recites a plurality of leads for supplying the semiconductor device with a first power source from an outside, a first internal power source line for supplying an internal circuit of the semiconductor integrated circuit with the first power source, and a first plurality of internal terminals for supplying the first internal power source line with the first power source from the plurality of leads. Claim 67 further recites that all of the first plurality of internal terminals are connected to the first internal power source line via a first switching portion.

Gray discloses an integrated circuit chip with multiple switching element segments. However, Gray fails to disclose or suggest a first plurality of internal terminals, wherein all of the first plurality of internal terminals are connected to the first internal power source line by a first switching portion. As illustrated in Figure 2 of Gray, Gray fails to suggest a first internal power source line, or a first plurality of internal terminals that are connected to the first internal power source line by a first switching portion.

For at least these reasons, claim 67, as well as claims 68-74 that depend therefrom, is allowable over Gray. Consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned Attorney with any questions regarding this application.

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